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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DENKTASH

REF: A) NICOSIA 4082; B) NICOSIA 4105

1. SUMMARY: DENKTASH DESCRIBES PROBLEMS CREATED BY LIMASSOL  
MURDERS OF TURKISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN (REFTELS). DISCUSSES  
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF GREEK CYPRIOT EFFORTS TO PREVENT  
NORTHWARD MIGRATION OF TURKS, INCLUDING MILITARY ENCIRCLEMENT  
OF NICOSIA AND OCCUPATION OF LARNACA. CONTINUES TO BROOD ON  
RETURN OF MAKARIOS AS A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN SOLVING THE CYPRUS

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PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME NOVEMBER 22 DENKTASH WEARILY SPOKE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED FOR HIM BY MURDER OF LIMASSOL WOMEN AND CHILDREN SEEKING TO MIGRATE TO TURKISH ZONE. THIS MATTER HAD OCCUPIED HIS FULL TIME FOR FIVE DAYS. TEMPER IN TURKISH COMMUNITY RUNNING VERY HIGH. IN HIS JUDGMENT, THIS WAS A POLITICAL CRIME CARRIED OUT BY GREEK CYPRIOT FANATICS INTENT ON TERRORIZING TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO PREVENT INEVITABLE NORTHWARD MIGRATION. HE FELT THAT CLERIDES AGREED WITH HIM. HAD CLERIDES NOT ACTED EFFECTIVELY AND INSTANTLY TO BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE, SITUATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL. TURKISH LEADERSHIP BELIEVES OTHER SIMILAR CASES MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND IS INVESTIGATING WHY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HAVE LEFT LIMASSOL HAVE FAILED ARRIVE IN NORTH.

3. DENKTASH SPOKE AT LENGTH OF DANGER INHERENT IN GREEKS TRYING TO PREVENT AN INEVITABLE AND NATURAL NORTHWARD MOVEMENT OF THE 25,000 TURKS WHO REMAINED IN SOUTH. (HE INCLUDED SBA TURKS IN THIS FIGURE). AS CLERIDES HAD SEEN FOR HIMSELF DURING THEIR NOVEMBER 20 JOINT VISIT TO POLIS, TURKS WERE DESPERATE TO GET OUT OF GREEK-CONTROLLED AREAS WHERE THEY FELT INCREASINGLY ISOLATED AND UNSAFE. IF MAKARIOS CAME BACK AND PROCLAIMED, AS HE MIGHT VERY WELL, A MAXIMUM GREEK CYPRIOT EFFORT TO PREVENT THIS MIGRATION, THERE WOULD BE TROUBLE. THE TURKISH OPTION IN SUCH EVENT WAS EASY. TURKISH FORCES WOULD SIMPLY ENCIRCLE NICOSIA, CAUSING THE FLIGHT OF 75,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND OCCUPY LARNACA. THE GREEKS WOULD BE TOLD THAT THEIR PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED BACK INTO THESE CITIES UNTIL TURKS PERMITTED TO MIGRATE.

4. DENKTASH SAID IT LOOKED INCREASINGLY AS IF NOBODY COULD STOP MAKARIOS FROM RETURNING. THAT WOULD MEAN THE END OF PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATION AND PROBABLY OF CLERIDES AS WELL. I REPLIED THAT IN MY VIEW IT TOO EARLY TO COME TO SUCH A PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSION. KARAMANLIS SEEMED TO BE WITH CLERIDES. CLERIDES WAS AFTER A DOCUMENTED UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIMSELF, MAKARIOS AND KARAMANLIS ON GREEK OBJECTIVES IN NEGOTIATION, WHO WOULD NEGOTIATE AND WHO WOULD SIGN. HE WAS TAKING THE INITIATIVE AND PLAYING WITH GREAT SKILL THE CARDS AT HAND. IT SEEMED TO ME HE MIGHT WELL GET WHAT HE WANTED. IF HE DID, THE NEGOTIATION

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COULD BEGIN IN EARNEST. KEY PROBLEM WAS TO MOVE MAKARIOS TO FEDERATION ON A GEOGRAPHIC BASIS. GREEKS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE A TRY AT MULTI-CANTONAL OBJECTIVE BEFORE THEY COULD BE BROUGHT TO CONSIDER THE BIZONAL, BUT CLERIDES WAS REALISTIC ON THIS SCORE.

5. DENKTASH COUNTERED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS THAT RECENT HISTORY HAD SHOWN MAKARIOS' SIGNATURE TO BE WORTHLESS.

6. COMMENT: DENKTASH'S REMARKS ABOUT ENCIRCLEMENT OF NICOSIA AND OCCUPATION OF LARNACA AS A DEVICE TO COMPEL RELEASE OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN SOUTH SEEMS A CAREFULLY CALCULATED THREAT. HE IS SPREADING THIS TO OTHERS, E.G. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR. IF HE HAS USLD IT WITH ANY BLOC DIPLOMATS, IT MAY BE THE BASIS FOR RECENT SOVIET-CZECH REPORT, WHICH REACHED CLERIDES, ABOUT A TURKISH MILITARY MOVE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH TO "RESCUE" SOUTHERN TURKS. THIS THREAT, IF ACTED UPON, WOULD IN OUR OPINION KNOCK GREECE, AND THEREFORE ANY CYPRUS NEGOTIATCXON, RIGHT OUT OF THE BALLPARK. CRAWFORD UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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